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Editorial.

"THE KEYSTONE" enters upon its fifth year with this issue and looks back into the past with many pleasant memories and forward into the future with many hopes and aspirations. In the past its effort has been to stand for those virtues which most adore woman, and in its own methods of life it has endeavored to exercise those virtues.

Where it was possible for it to help and encourage by admiration and praise, it has not spared its space or its efforts, and where it could not conscientiously praise it has kept silent believing that woman's best efforts are secured, not by force and the dynamic powers, but by the gentler arts of sympathy and persuasion. In every field of woman's endeavor "The Keystone" has been on the outlook for service, not sitting in judgment upon others as it believes that many problems in life can only be solved after time and experience have been devoted to their consideration.

In the future "The Keystone" hopes for and will work for a wider vision and a deeper comprehension for woman.

We must act as the cavalry for the great army of organized Club-women in the States of South Carolina, Mississippi and North Carolina, and as such we feel our responsibility.

A great German general once said, "Cavalry are the eyes of an army," and so it is with this little publication. We must protect the outposts, search for new paths and keep in the front, and being the eyes of these State Federations and those women who uphold our efforts, we intend to understand the character of the main road, to search out those by-paths which will help women to live the higher life, and when once good camping grounds of noble endeavor and high purpose have been found, we will report these vantage spots to the noble bands who are depending upon us for just such service.

To those friends who, in the past, have so faithfully and encouragingly upheld our hands in keeping this journal alive by their patronage and good will, we extend our sincerest appreciation, promising them in the future to be more worthy of their consideration. Finally, it will be our constant endeavor to not only hold our old friends but to win for our journal many new ones and thus make the possibility of a woman's publication in the South an established fact.

THE account of the recent State Convention of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, which appears in this issue of "The Keystone," is full of vital suggestions to Club-women, and shows what the possibilities are for organized effort on the part of women. The fact that so many cultivated and progressive women in Mississippi thought it worth while to band themselves together for those causes which strengthen and dignify humanity, is most encouraging. These women are putting their God-given opportunities to noble uses and, forgetful of self, they are adding untold wealth to the citizenship of their own Commonwealth. With twenty-three clubs Mississippi is forging forward in the broad fields of education and reciprocity and believing that "We have only what we share." Mississippi Club-women are planning for a wide field of usefulness.

THOSE of our readers who are following the development of the trained nurse in our community life will be interested to learn that during the past winter five States—North Carolina, New Jersey, Illinois, New York and Virginia in the order named—have passed laws for licensing nurses and conferring the title of "Registered Nurse" on those passing certain educational requirements. It is gratifying to mark that North Carolina leads off in this most wise and necessary legislation.

THE two college girls, Miss Bertha Stevenson, of South Carolina, and Miss Elliott, of Canada, who were so successful last winter in establishing and operating a laboratory kitchen and in making scientifically wholesome bread in Cambridge, Mass., have recently branched out and, having formed a company with the Boston Women's Educational and Industrial Union, have opened a lunch and food supply room at 50 Temple Place, Boston.

Their idea is to conduct a lunch room and to deliver cooked dinners hot at homes in any part of Boston. It will be interesting to remember that Miss Stevenson was a student at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., and that after studying chemistry there and having taken a course in English at Radcliffe College she decided, with her Canadian friend to explore a new field for college women. Their bakery has proven a great success and from the enthusiasm which greeted the opening of the lunch room on May 12th there is little doubt but that these two college girls are developing one of the most practical openings for educated women. Their idea will be helpful in solving the domestic service problem and at the same time if pursued by other women will relieve many industries for women which are now so unnecessarily overcrowded.

THE National Conference of Charities and Corrections, which convened in Atlanta, Ga., last month, was full of value to all workers along philanthropic lines. Women especially interested in such questions should identify themselves with this organized body of charity workers for the benefits from reciprocity on those special lines are immense. The Conference meets next year in Portland, Me., under the presidency of Jeffrey R. Brackett, President of the Department of Public Charities of Baltimore and lecturer of sociology in Johns Hopkins University.

The sections to be considered at the 1904 Conference will be "State Supervision and Administration," Needy Families in their Homes, Children, Defectives, The Treatment of Criminals, Public Dependents and Neighborhood Improvements.

Many prominent women are holding office in this Association.

Mrs. Emily Williams, president New Jersey State Conference of Charities and Corrections; Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House; Miss Mary E. Richmond, of Philadelphia, and many other women workers for charity were speakers before the Conference.

The following recommendations, made at the Conference, are of interest to our readers in Southern States:

"1st. The organization of State Conferences of Charities, like the Conferences which exist in Virginia and many other States, to meet in the fall of 1903 and annually hereafter."

"2d. That the State Conferences of Charities, the Bar Associations, the State Federations of Women's Clubs and other public organizations unite in securing the establishment—by the Legislatures of their several States—of State Boards of Charities, so constituted as to be kept free from partisan or political control."

From the suggestions set forth during this Conference let us hope that humanity may be encouraged to take one more step up higher and learn to "give all for love."

OF the five members of the committee appointed by Governor Bates to represent the State of Massachusetts at the St. Louis Exposition, two of them are women, Mrs. May Alden Ward, President of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. J. Montgomery Sears, a prominent artist of Boston.

NORTH CAROLINA'S educational campaign continues, as is shown by the Legislature setting aside a State literary fund of \$200,000 as a loan fund for new school houses in rural districts and for the repairing of dilapidated ones.

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Response to the Address of Welcome at the Sixth Convention of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, Held in Columbia, April, 1903.

MADAME President, Ladies of Columbia, and the Federation of South Carolina:

Of all the myriad words upon the tongues of men there is none, perhaps, which combines within its syllables so many elements of sweetness, cheer and good-will as we find in the dear, old-fashioned word, Welcome!

How often that one word has meant rest for weary feet, solace for aching hearts, balm and healing for sorrow and pain, no human tongue can fully tell! By its burdens of care have been lifted, the mourner made to rejoice, and the homeless wanderer has come again to that haven of which he so long had dreamed!

Ever since the far-off days, when in the distant Orient the first gleams of civilization's dawn came to lift mankind from the shadows of barbaric night, the duty of hospitality has been enjoined as one of the fundamental virtues of society. And it is a significant fact to the thoughtful student of history that the kindly treatment of the "stranger within the gates" increases proportionately as the race develops in civilization and culture.

The lordly Roman and cultured Pompeian inscribed the hallowed "Salve!" upon their portals; the Oriental, with deep salaam and offerings of bread and salt, still bids us welcome, amid customs and ceremonies of an age long dead, while we, of the Western World and modern time, with a warm hand-clasp which holds within it a heartiness and cheer, a thousand ceremonies could not convey, bid the stranger thrice welcome to our hearts and our homes, there to enjoy a wealth of hospitality of which other nations and other times scarce dreamed!

Did this statement require proof, surely we have it here before us in this magnificent welcome which you, our honored friends and co-workers of Columbia, have tendered us Club-women of South Carolina.

No poor words of mine, I fear, can justly portray your guests' sincere and deep appreciation of such a hearty and spontaneous reception as you have accorded them; but I trust with that wonderful intuition with which womankind is ever credited, you, our gracious hostesses, will "read between the lines," and know that these poor, halting, inadequate words are but a faint echo of the grand chorus of appreciation and loyalty which fills our grateful hearts to overflowing.

If it be true precept, that "We live in deeds, not words," we trust that we, women of South Carolina, meeting here together for mutual benefit and the good of those about us, will think and act with such singleness of purpose and to such noble ends that the glorious results of our co-operative endeavors will best prove our appreciation and worthiness of such greetings as these we have just received.

For, indeed, women of South Carolina, there is great and serious work for us to do! We are living in an age of solemn and ever-increasing responsibilities. Now, as never before, are needed the hand, the heart and the brain of woman in our social economy!

In the past, untrained and unprepared, our women rose magnificently to the duties imposed by calamitous war and untold privations. To-day we must answer the call of new conditions!

On the site of the old plantation, with its swarm of happy, child-like, improvident negroe slaves, rises the modern factory with its village of pale, oft-neglected children; these we must care for and educate. The poor are daily leaving their country homes to labor in crowded cities; we must have public parks and play-grounds that old and young may escape from the stifling atmosphere of the tenement. We must have free libraries for awakening minds, starving for proper intellectual food. We must endeavor to obtain such hygienic conditions (through proper sanitation and other methods) in city, town and village, that life may be clean, sweet and healthy for poor and rich alike! We must see to it that the young girl leaving home to seek honest work in factory, store or office is surrounded by such conditions as shall secure her well-being, physically, mentally and morally, thus making her a true exponent of the dignity of labor. All this is work which we, earnest and enthusiastic Club-women of South Carolina, can, must and, in time, will do!

It is work, which no critic, however conservative, can say is above or beyond the sacred sphere of woman. It is work which will not only benefit the objects of our endeavors, but the workers themselves, and which will prove a far more worthy response to welcomes such as this than the most impassioned burst of eloquence, the loftiest verse or sublimest melody!

The ideal community of which we dream to-day will be the real community of the future. We shall not see it! Other women will then stand where we stand to-day. Generations yet unborn will inherit the Utopia of which we now scarce dare to think.

But we must strive on and on. Without hope of reward, nor thirsting for Fame's laurels let us do our work as best we can, confident that each earnest effort brings us one step nearer the ideal, firmly believing that all work which aids in the up-building of character, the enlightenment of humanity, the broadening of human brotherhood and sisterhood, and the attaining of a higher citizenship should be the chosen work, the highest hope of these loyal daughters of a beloved State, the Federated Club-women of South Carolina! SARAH B. VISANSKA, President Kelly Kindergarten Association and Civics Club, Charleston, S. C.

Annual Report of the Chairman of Education of the South Carolina Federation, Columbia, April 22.

THE real value of women in Educational work is impressing itself in the various State Federations, and we find that almost every State has such a department of Education through which it appeals to its women to investigate and study existing conditions in Education, if not to bring about material results by means of endowing or securing scholarships and arranging for the proper placing of such scholarships.

The General Federation, as an organized body, has recognized this power, and this year formed a Standing Committee on Education, which will investigate all such problems and be ready always to impart much valuable knowledge to all Club-women interested in this special department. South Carolina Club-women should be especially proud of the fact that one of our own Club-women, a member of our Educational Committee, Miss Euphemia McClintock, of Columbia, S. C., the President of the Presbyterian College for Women, is a member of this General Federation Committee, made up of only five members. In the death of Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer, ex-President of Wellesley College, this Committee sustained a very severe loss, as it was hoped and planned that under her leadership as Chairman, broad strides in Education would be accomplished by the Club-women of America.

In undertaking this Educational work for our Federation, I was very fortunate in having had a very competent former Chairman who had many newspaper addresses, printed college requirements, well matured plans and valuable scholarships to turn over to me, to say nothing of her experience and the atmosphere he had already created.

My first step in taking hold was to appoint a competent committee to help in the extension and perfecting of this work.

My committee consists of Miss Baer of Charleston, Miss McClintock of Columbia, and Miss Lucy Hoyt of Greenville, a representative State Committee.

Our definite work was already prepared for us:—the placing of these valuable scholarships in our possession. The South Carolina Federation is truly fortunate in gaining the sympathy and the co-operation of the various College Presidents, and we, as a Federation, cannot put too high a valuation on these scholarships so generously donated to us.

These scholarships are as follows: In Converse College, five scholarships, each valued at \$100 a year, for four years academic work in college; Presbyterian College for Women, Columbia, S. C., one scholarship, valued at \$100 a year, for four years academic work in college; Winthrop College, one of free tuition for four years, amounting to \$50 per year for four years; Greenville College for Women, one scholarship of free tuition; Greenville Female College, one scholarship of free tuition for four academic years; Chicora College, Greenville, S. C., one scholarship of free tuition; The Southern Kindergarten Training and Normal Institute, two scholarships of free tuition; The South Carolina Kindergarten Association Training School, Charleston, S. C., one scholarship of free tuition; Mrs. I. A. Smith's School for Young Ladies, Charleston, S. C., one scholarship of free tuition; Alumnae Club School of Domestic Science, Louisville, Ky., one scholarship of free tuition.

The following young ladies are at present enjoying the benefits of these scholarships: Converse College, Miss Guess of Denmark; Winthrop College, Miss Mary Barr of Greenwood; Presbyterian College for Women, Miss Jannie Calvin, Chester; Greenville Female College, Miss Lillian Earle, Greenville; Greenville College for Women, Miss Helen Cheatham, Cheatham P. O., Greenwood County; Chicora College, Greenville, Miss Ann Farmer, Anderson; Mrs. Ida M. Lining's Training School, Miss Minnie Courtney, Trenton; and Miss Stribling of Westminster; The South Carolina Kindergarten Association Training School, Miss Robertson of Spartanburg.

The only scholarships which were not filled being three in Converse, the one in Mrs. I. A. Smith's school in Charleston, and the Louisville School for Domestic Science. This last one was awarded, but the applicant changed her plans some time in October, when it was too late to place the scholarship for this year.

The date for the examinations for these various scholarships was placed for July 11 and 12, and the full list was advertised in "The Keystone" and every county paper in the State, resulting in 110 applications to your Chairman, as follows: Converse College 22, Winthrop College 62, Presbyterian College for Women 6, Chicora College, 7, Greenville Female College 4, Greenville College for Women 3, Mrs. Lining's School 5, South Carolina Kindergarten 2, Louisville School of Domestic Science 3.

This is a marked advance in our work, showing that we have created a demand for higher education. However, judging from the final results, we find that the requirements for secondary education are more necessary. Many applicants failed to take the examinations when the time arrived, and many could not come up to the required standard. This fact makes us realize that we, as Club-women, should pay more attention to the elementary schools if we want to properly fill these valuable scholarships.

Notwithstanding these facts it is gratifying to know that several of the girls holding our scholarships have made very satisfactory records.

While it is with regret that I have to announce that President Johnson, of Winthrop College, has withdrawn his loan scholarship, deeming it inexpedient at present, it gives me great pleasure to state that Mrs. Ida Lining has offered us as a Federation, forty-two scholarships of free tuition in her Southern Kindergarten Training and Normal Institute at Charleston, S. C., one scholarship for every county in the State, a most generous and valuable donation.

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Besides answering these 110 applications, many of them requiring three and four letters, your chairman has answered seventy-five letters in regard to the workings of this department, having sent out during the year over two hundred letters. To prove that we are making for ourselves a recognized place in educational work among the other State Federations, Texas, Oklahoma Territory and North Carolina have all commended our work in this department, and have asked us for suggestions in furthering their State work, and, as before stated, one of our members has been placed on the General Federation Committee on Education. This is indeed encouraging, but there is yet much for us to do.

We have now advanced beyond the stage of making flowery appeals in behalf of education. We have reached the time for practical work in keeping what we have.

With this in view I want to impress on you all the great value of the suggestions made by your former Chairman of Education:—

1. Personal visits to the schools in your locality.
2. The appointment of a day in your Club Calendar as Educational Day—a special day set aside for the discussion of educational matters generally. On such a day inform yourselves in regard to the questions which are agitating the educational world, such as school gardening, manual training in the grades, which includes cooking and sewing, Audubon Day, Arbor Day, improved school buildings, medical inspection in the schools, improvement of curriculum, compulsory education, better trained teachers, better paid teachers, parents' meetings, the need of women on school boards, the personnel of State and County Educational Boards and the modes of election, and all such matters.

Another matter which our Club-women can greatly help in bringing about, is using their influence in opening all school buildings for the social and ethical needs of their community for night schools, parents' meetings, evening plays, lectures and such purposes. No public buildings, with the exception of churches, are so little used. It is estimated that the average school building is not used more than six hours a day and that

only for six months in the year. Some places are taking up this question and are utilizing this valuable public property, which hitherto has been idle and unproductive. "The Keystone," in an editorial in the October issue, calls attention to this use of public school buildings in New York City, and advocates the introduction of such methods into all communities.

Women are unquestionably a strong factor in modern civilization and development, and with so large an army of mothers and women teachers, they must take a very important place in the training and making of citizens, and every Club-woman has it in her power to contribute in some way to the advancement of education in our State.

At the recent Conference for Education in South Carolina, held in Columbia, when all prominent educators were invited to meet in order that they might discuss the benefits to be derived from the efforts of the Southern Educational Board and to plan for better educational methods in South Carolina, why was it that no woman educator was invited? Are there no women in South Carolina able to discuss educational matters, or was there no need for a woman in the discussion of so vital a subject?

The chief aim of our Federation in this department is to bring about a closer relation between the home and the school, the parent and the teacher, and by this personal interest of women in education we mean a desire for co-operation, and not an inquisitive interference. Bear in mind that "the soul of Una is never darkened and the spear of Britomart is never broken; that the great Egyptian people, wisest then of nations, gave to their Spirit of Wisdom the form of a woman; and into her hand, for a symbol, the weaver's shuttle; and that the name and the form of that spirit, adopted, believed and obeyed by the Greeks, became that Athens of the olive-helm and cloudy shield to whose faith you owe, down to this date whatever you hold most precious in art and literature, or in types of national virtue; that the soul's armor is never well set to the heart unless a woman's hand has braced it; and it is only when she braces it loosely that the honor of manhood fails."

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could be disposed of piece by piece, to supply the daily needs of the family without exciting comment or wonder.

But, despite the fact that the Exchange was so much needed here, to the anxious hearts of the charter members its progress was painfully slow, and for several years when the day for the Annual Meeting came around the fate of the enterprise hung in the balance. There is a tradition that when, on one occasion, there was found to be a balance of one cent to the credit of the Exchange—after the managers having been so long accustomed to make up the deficit by personal contributions—the Treasurer's report was received with acclamations of surprise and pleasure by the whole Board.

To the original plan of work a restaurant, or lunch room, was added, and soon the Exchange began to receive orders for light refreshments for ball suppers and private entertainments. This part of the work has now assumed such proportions that the entire suppers are now furnished for almost every social function in the city; while the lunch room has proved a harbor of refuge to many a lonely householder whose family has deserted him for the summer, leaving him to forage for his meals, somewhat in the style he had been accustomed to in war times.

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In conclusion, a few words of explanation regarding the working of the Exchange may serve to correct some erroneous ideas which are current about it, as, for example, when it was announced that the receipts for the past year had been \$21,365.75, the ladies of the Board were congratulated on their "enormous dividends," and asked what use would be made of the money. The reply that not quite \$500 remained on hand, and that it would be used for the running expenses of the business, was received with astonishment, not to say incredulity. It should be known, therefore, that all the receipts of the Exchange are immediately paid out to consignors, in salaries, wages, rent and for the materials required in furnishing suppers and the lunch room, and that the Board of Managers, not one of whom receives a cent for her services, regard themselves as very fortunate when, at the end of the year, there is enough in bank to meet the running expenses of the Exchange.

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The Confederate Bazaar.

THE summing up of the splendid results of the Confederate Bazaar is a topic which interests all States represented in Richmond on that occasion. The final meeting of the Bazaar Association, presided over by Mrs. Joseph Bryan, Chairman, was a most satisfactory one. The Treasurer's report showed that over twenty thousand dollars had been raised, and when the Association had sung the Doxology, Mrs. Bryan raised her hands and pronounced the Bazaar over.

The following details are interesting: The door receipts were \$1,475.73; the sale of badges and private donations, through Bazaar officials, \$1,009.27, and the restaurant cleared nearly ten thousand dollars.

The tables made returns in value in the following order: 1. Virginia. 2. The Solid South (States not in the Confederacy). 3. South Carolina. 4. North Carolina. 5. Tennessee. 6. Kentucky. 7. Missouri. 8. Georgia. 9. Louisiana. 10. Florida. 11. Alabama. 12. Maryland. 13. Arkansas. 14. Texas. 15. Mississippi.

The special reports from the North Carolina and South Carolina Tables are given below. The report from Mississippi is such an interesting one, that rather than cut it, we hold it over to print in full in the July "Keystone."

SOUTH CAROLINA.

South Carolina stood third on the list of tables, being second only to one individual State, Virginia, in the amount \$1,659.20, which she handed over to the Treasurer of the Bazaar Association.

The following are some of the contributions sent this table: Camp Pulliam, U. C. V., Greenville, S. C., \$25; Camp Sumter, U. C. V., Charleston, \$10; Sons of Confederate Veterans, Charleston, W. Va., \$10; Camp Moultrie, Sons, Charleston, S. C., \$4.25; Charleston Chapter, U. D. C., \$44, 14 boxes, 114 plates; Entertainment in Anderson, \$50; Dixie Chapter, Anderson, one box; R. E. Lee, Anderson, 2 boxes, \$5; Laurens Chapter, 2 boxes, \$10.75; Jonesville, 1 box, 18 plates; Columbia, Wade Hampton Chapter, 2 boxes, silver mounted gourd, 10 plates; Summerville, 1 box, \$1.25, 3 plates; Spartanburg, 1 box, \$15; Lancaster, 1 box, \$5; Greenville, 1 box, \$28; Georgetown, 3 boxes, 20 plates; Aiken, 1 box, \$2; Pinopolis, 3 boxes; Yorkville, 1 box, 14 plates; Florence, 2 boxes, 50 cents; Johnston, 2 boxes, \$9; Camden, 1 box, \$3, 6 plates; Newberry, 4 boxes; Sumter, \$3.75; Winthrop College Chapter, \$5, 4 plates; Children of Laurens; Cheraw; Confederate Home, Charleston; Pendleton; Edisto Island; Pelzer, through Mrs. Ellison Smyth; Greenwood, Allendale and Eutawville, each one box.

Miss Mary Townsend, Edisto Island, palmetto, moss and vines for decorating South Carolina booth; Mr. S. E. Welch, Charleston, S. C., box of oranges; Dr. Shepard, Summerville, 15 lbs. South Carolina Tea; Mr. Edward Bok, Philadelphia, Pa., \$25; James Puley, Charlottesville, Va., leather rocking chair.

E. B. Taylor Co., B. F. Johnson Co., Lumdsden Co., George Keiley, Cords & Mosby and Mr. Jenkins, all of Richmond, rendered efficient help.

Summing up the contributions from the State, this Committee, in Richmond, received from South Carolina alone in money \$221.50, 52 boxes, a box of oranges, fifteen pounds of South Carolina Tea, and sold into the State 199 Souvenir plates.

In every Confederate cause in the past, South Carolina has borne her share of work and responsibility; in this recent Confederate undertaking she has upheld her reputation of the past, and in the future she may be relied upon to sustain the brilliancy of her star in its place among the original stars in the beloved Constellation of "The Stars and Bars."

(Mrs. HUGH) CHRISTIE POPPENHEIM MILLER,
Associate Chairman S. C. Table.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The booth of "My Lady Nicotine" was a very active spot during the Bazaar, thronged as it always was by the young

girls of Richmond, who aided, not only by their energy, but by their persuasive smile.

Indeed, as Chairmain for North Carolina, I feel that much of the success of the booth was due to the young folks of Richmond.

Tobacco—at two weeks' stands only brings in small revenue—and therefore the amount realized by "My Lady Nicotine" represents many more sales than the sum total, (\$1,414.40) would at first glance suggest.

Although tobacco was the specialty at the booth, we can but remember with pleasure the many gifts of real beauty and intrinsic value to be found there, such for example as the handsome bronze lamp presented by Mr. Sigmund Newstadt, of New York; the silver asparagus set donated by Mr. Chas. Sterp of the Baltimore Sterling Silver Co., and the tapestry by the Salisbury Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Perchance the most notable relic of the Bazaar was in the possession of "My Lady Nicotine," a George Washington picture of 1785, which was purchased for a Northern Art Gallery.

During the Bazaar, a play was given at the Academy for the benefit of the North Carolina booth, and to this I point with pride, not alone for the natural success, but because of its artistic victory.

From all sides praises for the performance of "Chopsticks and Spikins" is heard, and I feel that we may justly be proud of the histrionic talent which Richmond contains. Money realized from play amounted to something over \$350.00.

Never were a people more generous; never did a people respond more nobly to a noble cause than did the people of Richmond, and I know that I voice the sentiment of the citizens of the Old North State when I say that without this hearty support of the "old Capital," North Carolina would have fallen far short of its undertakings.

Most of all, the Bazaar is indebted to its President and her able co-workers on the Executive Board, who, at all times, gave of their strength and encouragement to each State alike, with impartial and unprejudiced eye.

A. B. MORGAN, Chairman N. C. Table.

Daughters of the Confederacy.

THE South Carolina Division U. D. C. is now much interested in the appearance of its publication, "South Carolina Women in the Confederacy," which will be out of the hands of the printers in the next three weeks. This book will include parts of the collections made by the two Standing Committees of the South Carolina Division, the Historical Committee and the Committee on Woman's Work, and the workings and experiences of nearly one hundred societies, scattered over the entire State, from the mountains to the seashore, are most interestingly reported. It will be a most valuable addition to the historical publications in connection with South Carolina history, and it is hoped will be accorded a hearty welcome outside as well as among the membership of the U. D. C.

The Editing Committee from the South Carolina Division are Mrs. Thos. Taylor, chairman; Mrs. August Kohn of Columbia, Mrs. A. T. Snythe, Miss M. B. Washington and Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Charleston.

The issue of this first volume comprises 1,000 copies, of which over 350 have already been sold before the publication sees the light of day.

The book will be bound in red, will contain the pictures of many South Carolina women prominent in the days of '61-'65, and will sell for \$2.00 per volume. Orders for the same may be sent, with check, to Mrs. Thos. Taylor, Chairman Publishing Committee, 1405 Gervais street, Columbia, S. C.

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From the Mountain to the Seashore.

I.

THE MOUNTAINS.

[Written by request for "The Keystone" by Miss Maria H. Pinckney, a daughter of the late Rev. C. C. Pinckney, of Charleston, S. C. Miss Pinckney is devoting her life to the elevation of the Appalachian people.]

I have been asked to write an account of a little mountain school which I have been teaching for the past four winters.

What are the conditions, difficulties and results? Now, the Eleventh Commandment is not a dead letter to any North Carolina community that I know of, especially where its weaknesses are concerned, so, like Holmes, I dare not write "as funny as I could" for fear of results. The conditions for a school are as unfavorable as well can be; a scattered community, unspeakable roads, severe climate, a river that is "quite too fresh" and constant rains. This is the winter aspect of affairs, and my work is in winter only. My school room is the summer dining room of an hospitable old family mansion, where I am fortunate enough to live. The school furniture is conspicuous by its absence, as are many needed books also.

The ages of the pupils range from 6 years to 20; this necessitates the forming of many classes and takes extra time and strength. All of the children have home duties, some of them leaving for days at a time to work in the fields. The chief difficulty is the quality of the teachers, who have the county or free summer schools. They are usually young girls, whose only aim is to make a little money, and who have themselves been taught in country schools of low grade.

Ethics and manners seem to be entirely ignored by these teachers. They also allow the pupils to sit by the hour holding their books, but not applying their minds. The school hours are usually from eight o'clock to four, with an hour for dinner. Many children learn one reading and spelling lesson only and do a few "sums" in all that dreary stretch of time and then carry their books home "to study!" Other difficulties are the ignorance of words and ideas, which are the heritage of most children. I once asked a bright class of pupils to give their ideas about fairies. After a puzzled silence one girl of fourteen years replied: "A kind of insect!" This conception arose from the fact that the reading lesson told of a fairy who lived in a tulip.

The ignorance of games and plays is more serious and really pathetic. Should a toy or doll come into their possession it seems usually to be locked up for safe-keeping.

The books also have been a drawback, some parents providing the Blue-Backed Speller! Mercifully the educational board has decreed which books are to be used in the public schools, and the selections, as far as my observation goes, is a very good one, Johnson's Arithmetic; Beuhler's Grammar, Holmes' Readers and Chambers' Histories.

This long list of drawbacks may be closed with a personal detail, but a serious one, the strength of the teacher is on a par with the furniture.

For advantages the list may start with the unusual intelligence of the pupils whenever their minds are awakened; next, the lack of disturbing excitements and pleasures; the dearth of mental food outside the school room, the generally placid dispositions and the willingness of parents to leave all school matters in the hands of the teacher. Then again the sharing of home duties makes the children very practical, and their minds are, I think, better balanced than are those of city children. Lastly, school being so uncertain a commodity, a few months at the most, the pupils feel it to be a thing to be desired and not hated, and if the teacher is a good one it becomes their delight and holidays are not welcome.

Thinking that what the children need first is to be aroused and hurried out of their slow country ways, I spend as much time as can be spared in asking questions on all sorts of subjects and sometimes get bright answers. To-day, in questions on the Bible, I asked: "What kind of a man was Cain, evil? and Abel, good? and Seth?" After a puzzled silence a small boy replied, "I guess he was just betwixt and between." I enlarged on the likelihood of this being so.

The children enjoy reciting in unison and in saying tables,

counting by 6's and 7's, etc., backwards and forwards. Marching and calisthenics are most popular and at first strangely difficult. Picture study is most helpful, if care is taken to make the children grasp the sentiments and motive first and details afterwards. In landscape subjects they are very quick to decide upon the season, the time of day, the character of soil and trees, etc. Botany is a favorite study. My table always has a supply of cones, seed vessels, bits of twigs, lichens, etc., and when spring comes the earliest flowers. No cocoon is left if once a sharp eye sees it.

Birds are still more eagerly watched for and some of the pupils have made very good life studies. A rare bird or a strange note is the signal for the entire school to crowd to the windows. Now if I taught a city school I should do all in my power to quiet the children's mind, even "keepin' in" to give a restful half hour to the over-excited brains, but in this country school I never "keep in," neither do I give "marks," that invention of the Evil one. Teachers and pupils should be carried away by the subject under study, and how can they be if both are keeping an eye to "marks?" This is only one of the evils of that system, the rivalry, the studying for marks and not for information, the encouragement of vanity, of the bright minds and the discouragement of the dull; the temptations to cheat are more serious still. Something is wrong if teachers and parents need marks to show results. After my first winter's work here I said to a parent "Your boy has done well enough, but I have not yet taught him to like his books." The father replied; "I don't know anything about that, but I am pleased because he takes hold of his work in a new way." Now I saw a gleam of pleasure in that boy's eyes a few days ago when I gave him a new study.

I never allow a book to be carried home; anyone can "hear a lesson," but only a teacher should teach one, so lessons are learned in school where I can explain difficulties, note time and care taken, and so award praise or blame with justice. "Sums" are worked in class. Of course I cannot go into details about the results, but two experienced teachers of long standing, one being the Bishop of Western North Carolina, have visited the school and expressed surprise and pleasure, and while I cannot say that I am satisfied, still the results are beyond my expectations.

The industrial work, with the exception of wood-carving, has not been so successful. One reason is that the market for woman's work is too limited to offer any stimulus. Then the women and girls work in the fields, besides doing all the domestic work. This does not leave much time or strength.

Here and there a hand loom is still in use and rag carpets are made. I have succeeded in getting a silk quilt or two woven, but unless the demand increases I fear the art of weaving will die out. One or two families weave very pretty willow baskets, but the demand for these is also limited. I am hoping to give it an impetus. These drawbacks discourage the knitting of thread lace and counterpanes. Last year some of the pupils tried raising silk worms, but the conditions were too unfavorable, and I have made no effort in that line this year.

The most successful venture has been with Xmas greenery. Noting that the native and cultivated evergreens are uncommonly varied and plentiful here, I had the children make a large number of wreaths and shipped them to New York to the care of the Chairman of the Industrial Department of the National Indian Association. They brought good prices, and we are hoping for larger orders next Winter.

This I regard as a most valuable experiment. If it succeeds it will not only bring some needed money, but it will teach the people new lessons of beauty and utility and save many a fine tree from ruthless destruction, give both boys and girls a pleasant task in dreary weather, teach them many a botanical fact, and train in some degree, both hands and brains.

I am trying to induce the children to plant hazel nuts, as they grow wild in one or two places along the river bank. This is the American hazel nut. *Corylus Americanus*, the Beaked nut (*C. rostrata*.) grows on the mountain side, but is of little value.

Though not a part of the school course, yet closely associated with it, has been a temperance work. My attention was

called to the "Blue Button Army" crusade, under the leadership of Col. H. Hadley, formerly of St. Bartholomew's Rescue Mission, New York. The sanity, common sense and attractiveness of the movements struck me forcibly, so one Sunday morning I spoke about the matter to the Sunday School under my charge and called for volunteers among the boys—all responded—then I called upon the girls, with the same result. The parents present then gave in their names, this only left one out, a young man, he flatly refused the invitation to join, but after the school was dismissed he enlisted also.

This was not quite a year ago, and now we have one hundred and sixty members in this sparsely settled neighborhood.

MARIA H. PINCKNEY,
Yadkin Valley, N. C.

II.

THE SEASHORE.

TUSKEGEE METHODS ON THE SEA ISLANDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA. (FOR "THE KEYSTONE.")

[This article has been prepared by Mrs. Nells Christensen, of Beaufort, S. C. She further states that there are no white teachers in this school; only Edenburg Mahone and his wife, who are full blooded negroes.]

Last year the school was continued through March and April, and this year funds have been secured to keep the school open through the month of May.

Mrs. Christensen, a resident of Beaufort for over thirty years, is a New Englander by birth and education, and has sons who are interested in many departments of Beaufort's civic life, such as, membership on the County Board of School Supervisors, Editor and owner of the "Gazette," and President of the Ribault Club of Beaufort. Several years ago she published a little volume of "Folk Lore Tales," the proceeds from which go towards the fund for supporting this school.]

Dear Readers of "The Keystone":

May I hope to interest you in a photograph taken years ago of a group of lightwood venders. They are negro boys and girls between the ages of ten and fourteen, hatless, shoeless, with soiled and tattered garments, carrying fagots of pitch-pine on their heads.

Most of you have seen such groups, sometimes singing gaily some old plantation melody as they trudged along the road to town on their way to sell the lightwood, or berries in the season. We call them a careless, light-hearted people, and so they are generally, but this picture shows another expression.

Ignorance, misery and hopelessness are written on every downcast face, and as I gaze, the refrain of an old hymn my grandmother used to sing, drifts back across the years—"Shall we whose hearts are lighted—

"Shall we to souls benighted
The lamp of life deny?"

Souls benighted, they look to be indeed, and their forlorn appearance roused the sympathy of a little girl who begged her mother to let her gather those poor girls together in the big arbor and have a sewing school.

Her mother put her off with a kiss, and a promise of by and by, but in her own heart she too cherished a purpose to have some help brought to these forlorn waifs. For years it remained only an air-castle, but as her children grew up, plans took more definite shape. Tuskegee was growing, and its fame spread abroad. Why should not the black belt in South Carolina be helped as well as that in Alabama? As the little girl's brother said, "It needs a life consecrated to the work." Another Booker Washington has not appeared, but among his pupils there should rise someone with aspirations kindred to his, who might be found and brought hither.

A year ago last November, the County School Board, of which my son is a member, appointed a Tuskegee man, who had been recommended by Booker Washington in response to our inquiries, to take charge of a country school some miles to the north of Beaufort, on Port Royal Island.

Before the three months term, which is all the county affords, was ended, two important points were satisfactorily settled. In the first place, the trustees, and all others who were interested in the school and the teacher, saw that he was capable, efficient, reliable, and thoroughly interested in his work.

And secondly, the teacher himself had time to look over the field and decide that it was a very needy locality, and that he was willing to undertake to continue, and enlarge, the work he had begun.

Our wish was to establish a Farm School, as nearly all the negroes on the Sea Islands are farmers, and many of them own land. Unfortunately, few of them have any idea of thrift or method, so they raise but small crops on good land, and live from hand to mouth.

The population of Beaufort County is nine-tenths black, and as a rule they are a peaceable and law abiding people, but they have lacked good leaders and teachers, and many of them have made but little progress since their emancipation.

It is no wonder the heart of the young teacher sank as he surveyed the field before him, but he believed that God had led him here to help these miserable people to rise to a better condition, so he looked about to see what could be done.

A few miles from his school house lay one of the best farms on the Island, owned by a prosperous and benevolent Southern gentleman. The teacher told him of his wishes and plans, and the gentleman, becoming interested, offered to sell a large tract of land, with buildings and improvements. The teacher made haste to communicate this to my husband and sons, and as the purchase of so large a piece of land was out of the question, it was arranged that we might take a hundred and seventy acres.

Over half the land was cleared, and there were good fences, buildings, orchards and other improvements.

The price was thirty-five hundred dollars, and we were to have the refusal of the place for a reasonable time.

We wished very much to obtain this land, but hesitated to engage in an undertaking for which our small fund was so insufficient. During the next six months, in response to continued solicitation, our fund increased by degrees, till we had over twelve hundred dollars in the bank when September came.

With so small an amount, it did seem a wild hazard to embark on such an undertaking, but the teacher declared that he knew the Lord wanted us to build the school on that particular spot. This was faith, and considering the advantages of the location of the land, central on the Island and bordering on the railroad, it seemed to be reasonable.

If we should fail to secure the place this season, another purchaser might take it and we could not do as well elsewhere—thus Prudence spoke.

So we mustered all our courage, formed a Local Board of Trustees, bought the land by paying a thousand dollars down, and giving a mortgage for the remainder, and now we feel that we were not far amiss in our calculations, for the remaining land has gone to a ready purchaser, and it was well we bought when we did.

Last Fall one of the buildings was taken for a school house and supplied with plain benches, some shelves for books, a couple of black-boards, and a stove. It would seat barely a hundred children, but the pupils, who have flocked thither, number a hundred and fifty. Two teachers are employed, but it is impossible for them to do justice to the large number of untrained scholars from the miserable cabin homes. They do their best, however, and as they are husband and wife, and both of them Tuskegee trained, they enter into the work with all their might.

A second school room has been improvised in the house to accommodate the overflow, and beside the daily struggles to instruct the children in the three R's, efforts are made to reach the parents. A farmers' conference has been organized, through which it is hoped to enlighten the people gradually as to improved farming, stock and poultry raising, and bettering the homes. Some instructions are given to the women and girls on household matters, and sometimes in the future we hope that basket weaving may be taught, and other useful arts.

These are among the things hoped for, but present needs, indeed, the very existence of the school, depend on the contributions of friendly and benevolent people, who are willing to help "even the least of these."

I appeal to you, sisters, for your sympathy and aid. Here is something we can do to help South Carolina, in helping her poor and weakest. "When duty calls or danger" may we respond.

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THE sixth annual meeting of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs assembled in the Southern Hotel parlors, Meridian, Miss., April 29th, at 10 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Josie Frazee Cappleman, of Okolona.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Payne.

The president delivered a beautiful address, in which she referred to the work of the club for the year just closed. The address was poetic and impressive, and was as follows:

Another year has come and gone.
Gone to its silent rest,
And so again we meet and greet
And hope to do our best.

Again, my friends, I come to you
With greetings kind, sincere,
And truly trust that each of you
Has passed a happy year.

I shall not tell of all our work
Thro' hour and day and week;
For, every great, enduring deed
Of its own worth will speak.

Friends, woman at the Cross was last,
First was she at the Sepulchre,
She's God's own fair, sweet Masterpiece,
And noblest deeds are done by her.

My friends, your beacon star is Christ,
You follow closely in His light;
Then, let us, in His name unite
And strive for Justice, Truth and Right!

Mrs. George Whitfield Cater sang a solo, "Good Night, Little Girl," which was an attractive feature of the day's programme.

Mrs. W. S. Lott, president of the Fortnightly Club, delivered an appropriate address of welcome, cordially receiving the visiting delegates.

In response to the address there was a rising vote of thanks by the visiting delegates.

Each club present answered to the roll-call, with a recital of the Club's motto.

Mrs. Edwin McMorries made her report as chairman of the committee on credentials.

Mrs. Henry Broach, corresponding secretary, presented her annual report.

Mrs. McMorries, treasurer pro tem., made a financial statement.

Mrs. W. S. Lott, for Mrs. E. J. Ezell, of the educational committee, presented a very gratifying report of the educational work of the Federation, showing that they are now educating a young lady at the I. I. and C.; that President Beeson, of the East Mississippi Female College, has tendered two scholarships, and the Oxford one.

Mrs. Crunk, of the village development committee, presented a report on civic improvements, which shows magnificent accomplishment by the Federation along this line.

In the absence of the chairman of the committee on library work, Mrs. Alex. McRaven made a report of this branch, but had no data except from the Fortnightly Club, of Meridian, which is accomplishing much good.

General club work was reported by each club represented, all of which shows satisfactory progress.

The Federation reassembled in the parlors of the Southern at 2.30 P. M., the President in the chair.

The annual report of greeting from "The Keystone," the official organ of the Federation, was read by Mrs. Will Woods. Many helpful suggestions were made. The paper was approved.

Paper, "Ethics of Club Culture," sent by Kosciusko Club, was read by the secretary.

Paper, "Art as a factor in Education," from Fortnightly Club, Meridian, read by Miss Laura Fewell.

Paper, "Decline of the Art of Letter Writing," from Natchez Progressive Club, read by Mrs. Todd.

A free scholarship in music was offered by Mrs. Joiner. Blue Mountain and Oxford Woman's College also offered scholarships. Mrs. Lott, in behalf of these scholarships, urged the clubs to help to sustain them, and a goodly sum by club and individual subscriptions was realized.

Enthusiasm marked all the business transactions and reached its highest point when it was reported by the chairman (Mrs. Mattie Hardy Lott) that six free scholarships had been secured for the new scholastic year. Upon request from the chairman of this committee the amount of \$65 was pledged in only a few moments. This proves how much can be accomplished by two great-hearted, energetic little women in one year's time, and gives promise of great possibilities in the near future.

Upon suggestion from the Editor of "The Keystone" a Reciprocity Bureau was adopted, which is a much-felt and long-discussed need of the Federation. The present plan is to place these valuable club-papers in the keeping of "The Keystone," which will send them (with the cost of postage only) to any club desiring them to read or for reference.

The meeting adjourned to meet at 9.30 A. M. on April 30th.

A delightful drive over the beautiful city and suburbs was then tendered the visiting delegates and enjoyed beyond description. The evening was devoted to the social features as given below:

Among the gracious social affairs of the week none have been more deeply imbued with charm and beauty of detail than the reception and musical tendered the State Federation by the Fortnightly, of Meridian, in the parlors of the Southern Hotel on Wednesday evening.

The parlors were elaborately decorated with roses, forming an appropriate background for the magnificently gowned assemblage.

The punch bowl in the reception hall was decorated in the Fortnightly's colors of purple and white ribbons, and was presided over by Misses Alfreda Grant and Genta Wright, who were dainty pictures in their handsome white gowns. The musical programme, under the direction of Mrs. L. G. Joiner, was fully enjoyed by every one present.

The Dixie Mandolin Club, which appeared before a Meridian audience for the first time and rendered several fine selections, deserves especial mention. Meridian has cause to feel justly proud of this new musical club.

The quartette, which included Mrs. Joiner, Miss Rowan Messrs. Williams and Heiss, in "My Old Kentucky Home," was

thoroughly enjoyed. The sweet solos by Mrs. George Cater, Mrs. J. R. Tackett and Mrs. L. G. Joiner were loudly encored.

The recitation by Miss Pauline Frazee, of Okolona, entitled "Aux Italian," was well chosen, displaying the splendid talent of this charming young lady. Much praise is due the Fortnightly Club for so delightful an evening.

Thursday morning an interesting letter was read by Mrs. Cahn in regard to Traveling Libraries; also the McKinley Memorial Library. Letter from General Federation in regard to Forestry read and referred to Committee on Village Improvement. An article on Child Labor was read, followed by interesting discussion on that subject. "The Keystone" was unanimously continued Official Organ, and, on suggestion from its Editor, a Reciprocity Bureau adopted.

Several resolutions of thanks, as will be found below, were adopted, and the sixth annual Convention of M. F. W. C. adjourned at 12.30 noon, to meet next year in Oxford.

One of the finest reports was that made by the Chairman of Education, Mrs. E. J. Ezell—The wonderful progress in that line in one year is highly encouraging to all Federated Clubs.

Mrs. Geo. Boyd, of Kosciusko, Chairman of Traveling Library, gives another good report of work accomplished by that ideal and energetic Club, The Twentieth Century, of Kosciusko. The good results of federation have, this year, far surpassed all previous labors in this line of woman's work.

The following resolutions were offered by Mrs. Reed, of Meridian, and unanimously adopted by the Federation:

"Madam President, pro-tem: I wish to take advantage of Mrs. Cappleman's absence of a few moments from the chair, to express my high appreciation and thanks, individually to her, for what she, as President, has done for the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs. I feel I voice the sentiment of my own Club, and of each Club in the Federation, when I do this. Soon after the opening of the Convention, I realized that this great organized body was in beautiful working order, having been guided by a wise head and a capable hand, and already having accomplished much, is in a position to go forward and accomplish more. I also wish to thank Mrs. Lott, as Chairman of the Special Scholarship Committee, for the work she has done. The tangible work that intelligent and concerted action has given us, commends our respect and admiration, and has made me an enthusiastic Federation woman. I move we give our retiring President a rising vote of thanks for what she has done for the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, bidding her God speed in whatever work she undertakes."

Among the prominent out-of-town women of Mississippi who attended the State Federation of Women's Clubs were:

Mrs. Josie Frazee Cappleman, president of the Federation.

Mrs. J. B. Hall and Mrs. J. E. Eden, of the Book Club of Okolona.

Mrs. P. G. Gragnon and Mrs. Frank Elliott, of the Lanier Club of Okolona.

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Mrs. Nannie McIver Crunk, chairman of the Town Improvement Committee, Okolona.

The Federation of Women's Clubs, through the indefatigable efforts of Mrs. Mattie H. Lott and Mrs. E. J. Ezell, succeeded in procuring six scholarships in the leading schools of the State. Who will dare say that the Federation was not a grand success during the past year?

Before the Convention adjourned the retiring President offered the following resolution of thanks:

In the name of every club, both absent and present, of the Mississippi Federation, I wish to return our whole-souled, heartfelt thanks for the royal welcome accorded us and the delightful hospitality extended on every side by the Meridian Fortnightly Club. To this band of brave, true, loyal women (to whom all noble undertakings are easy,) I tender my own earnest thanks, trusting that God's richest blessings may ever rest upon them and that their noble deeds may receive fitting record and reward in this life as well as in the beautiful life hereafter.

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Descending on the grass after long heated days,
Full of the sweetness of the light of Spring,
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In the Shadow of the Pines.

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CHAPTER IV.

A VOICE OF THE PAST.

Frank Chestnut, striding desperately along the white stretch of sandy road through the pines, with none too pleasant thoughts for companions, heard behind him the dull roll of wheels. It was Dr. Hilary returning late from the dance.

"Hello, Chestnut, I thought I was not deceived in those long limbs of yours! Walking to get up circulation this warm weather, I suppose?" called out the jovial doctor.

"No," answered Chestnut, "Old Baldur did not approve of late hours, so trotted off and left me to enjoy them alone. Not that I mind the walk though, it is only a small matter over three miles."

"Well, I guess you have had enough exercise for one evening with all that dancing. Heathenish fashion this, of dancing in May."

"You never did it before the war, did you Doctor?"

"No, nor sauced our betters either, you young reprobate. Jump in and I'll give you a lift though, for all your impudence."

"Don't like to trouble you Doctor, indeed I enjoy the walk."

"Well, I wish to enjoy your company, so jump in," he insisted, good humoredly, and Chestnut, despite his reluctance, must needs comply.

Old Hardtimes ambled along the road in leisurely country-doctor fashion, and the good doctor rambled on, talking in the crisp style of a man of large observation and varied experience, of the times, the crops, the weather, politics and people, eliciting but small response from his taciturn companion, who was thoroughly miserable. He was angry with Thrace, angry with himself, and, most of all, angry with the unfortunate turn given his affairs by his conduct of the evening. After all of his resolution to bear all, and suffer all, to unravel, if possible, some vaguely suggested mystery; he had overwhelmed the woman he loved with a torrent of unmanly anger, widening the breach fatally by words difficult to forgive.

"Hello, Frank, down in your luck are you?" the doctor asked suddenly, as he might question the symptoms of a patient. "What is the matter; is the lady coy or cold, or is the little woman inclined to flirt with another fellow?"

"All women are inclined to flirt, I suppose," Chestnut answered non-committally, but with secret anathemas upon Marston's inoffensive head.

"Ah, the wind sits there does it, variable North-easterly, with slight storms? Well, there is no managing you young people, you prefer to manage for yourselves these days, and a pretty mess you make of it too. You are a case beyond my power of diagnosis. Thrace does not look well either, I found her in the library this morning as white as a ghost and poring over a musty old book on heredity. Rubbish and nonsense, girls have no business with stuff of that kind, they ought to read nothing but poetry and recipe books. Asked me if I believed in heredity, if insanity was always transmitted, and a lot more of such stuff that fairly set me a-thinking. Asked me to promise her something upon my solemn word and honor. Of course it is probably something absurd, but, of course, I promised, I always promise

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THE First Annual Session of the Woman's Association of North Carolina, for the betterment of the public schools, was held in Greensboro, May 4-7. Eighteen county organizations were represented, and reports made were full of helpful suggestions and told of wonderful improvements made and interest aroused and stimulated in the cause of education, especially in better school houses and grounds, travelling and stationery circulating libraries in the rural districts. Fifteen County Superintendents were present and spoke encouragingly of progress in their counties and with enthusiasm of the good results from the women's active interest and co-operation.

The Conference will be held next year in Raleigh, the day following the adjournment of the State Teachers' Assembly at Morehead City. The State officers selected for the permanent organization are: Mrs. W. T. Hollowell, President; Miss Laura Kirby, Vice-President; Miss Mary T. Moore, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Marie Bays, Secretary; Mrs. J. A. Anthony, Treasurer. Executive Committee: Mesdames J. T. Alderman, E. E. Moffit, Charles Price, Lindsay Patterson, J. A. Butler, C. D. McIver, J. A. Anthony, W. R. Hollowell and Misses Marie Bays, Mary Moore and Laura Kirby.

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anything a woman asks, especially Thrace, it saves trouble—anodynes were nature's greatest gifts. Let me give you a piece of advice, Chestnut, never quarrel with a woman about anything, she never cares for it after she gets it, give her her own way, and nine cases out of ten she will forget all about it and let you do as you choose. It is only being denied the pleasure of trying to get what they think they cannot have, that makes vixens of women."

"Doctor," asked Chestnut with a sudden pang, in a voice as steady as he could make it—a sudden rift of light seemed to break through the clouds. For a moment all of the last angry scene faded from his mind, he only saw Thrace as she stood in the pines white and resolute, repeating over and over that she would not marry him, but refusing to say that she did not love him. "Was there ever insanity in the Langdon family?"

"You are as mad as a March hare, Chestnut! The Langdons and Mendells were both the sanest families I have ever known. What nonsense you young people do talk these days, I do not know what the world is coming to! Bad, bad, bad, when the young people cannot even credit their ancestors with sanity;" the Doctor ended irately, having worked himself up into quite a little passion, giving Old Hardtimes such a sharp tap that he quickened his pace for full a dozen yards. "The idea, Chestnut," continued the Doctor, scornfully, "the idea of young people who ought only to think of each other, and make love in the Springtime of life, muddling their heads over such absolute nonsense. Look here, young man, I have not made love for thirty years, thirty years ago I loved Thrace's mother, of course I wasn't good enough to shoe her horse, and I knew it, but being in love turns a man's brains and destroys the relative value of things. Well, I have not thought of making love since then, but when I see that child, God bless her, I almost forget my grey hairs and crow's feet—I'm such an old fool, you see! So look here, young man, I am the wrong man to come to when you are questioning the sanity of the Langdon family.

"I am not asking out of idle curiosity, Doctor, I am very much troubled, there is something strange which I am trying to unravel. Thrace does not seem quite herself, talks strangely

about all sorts of things, I only thought she might have taken some ridiculous idea."

"It's malaria!" answered Dr. Hilary promptly. "Nothing but malaria, that is at the bottom of all human distempers. Young folks who spend the Spring twilights on the river banks seem to think that there is a special guardian angel detailed to destroy malarial germs about them. It takes a deal of experience to teach young people prudence and common sense! That reminds me, I will take some quinine over to the wilful young lady to-morrow, you will see what sort of a love portion I can brew. The best thing you can do is to hurry up the wedding and take Thrace off to the mountains. What are you waiting for anyway? before the war there were no such laggard bridegrooms. I can't understand what is the matter with you young folks. Times have changed, times have changed!" ended the sagacious Doctor with a hopeless shake of the head.

Poor Chestnut kept silent. Times had indeed changed for him. How much may happen between sun and sun? To-day's sun, which had risen on a life all a-bloom with the sweetest flowers of love, had cast its departing beams upon a grave whose headstone was a broken heart, and about that grave lay a handful of broken lillies; cold and white and chill they lay—those lillies that had once thrilled at the touch of the breeze, the kiss of the sun. Even so at the word of a woman he had passed from the joy and brightness of heaven into the darkness and chill of hell. And yet the sun went down in glory, in a pageant of purple and gold. Athwart the new made grave it wrote in gilded mockery: man's life is as a tale that is told; as a flower of the field so it perisheth; the wind passeth over it and it is gone; the place thereof shall know it no more.

"Have a cigar, Chestnut?" the Doctor interrupted, breaking the silence.

"No, thanks, I do not care to smoke!"

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"THE INTRUSIONS OF PEGGY," by Anthony Hope, is one of the most interesting books of the season. The mere fact of its coming from the author of "THE PRISONER OF ZENDA," at once gave it a wide popularity. It is a spirited novel, with plenty of wit and romance. The characters are real individuals to be met in the social and political life of London, with a good share of real Bohemian personalities. There are many well conceived adventures, and our interest is held through every chapter. The author has sustained his high standard for cleverness, and this new novel is an addition to the list of his deservedly popular successes. The numerous illustrations, by William Hurd Lawrence, and the artistic binding, give one a desire to own a copy of the volume. (Cloth, \$1.50.) Harper & Brothers, New York City.

"THE WESTERN SLOPE," by Celia Parker Wooley, may be said to be a series of delightful essays, dealing with that long stretch of time covering the years from thirty to fifty, and a little beyond. Mrs. Wooley, a writer, preacher and lecturer, has been actively identified with many of the reform and culture movements of the day and is qualified to speak on her chosen subject. She talks in a helpful and optimistic way, assuring us that "THE WESTERN SLOPE affords a wide and cheerful land-scape; the afternoon is a pleasant time of the day." The essays on "SOCIAL IDEALS," and "THE WOMAN'S SHARE," are specially interesting. The artistic binding, in shades of brown at once attracts our notice. (Cloth, \$1.25.) William S. Lord, Evanston, Ill.

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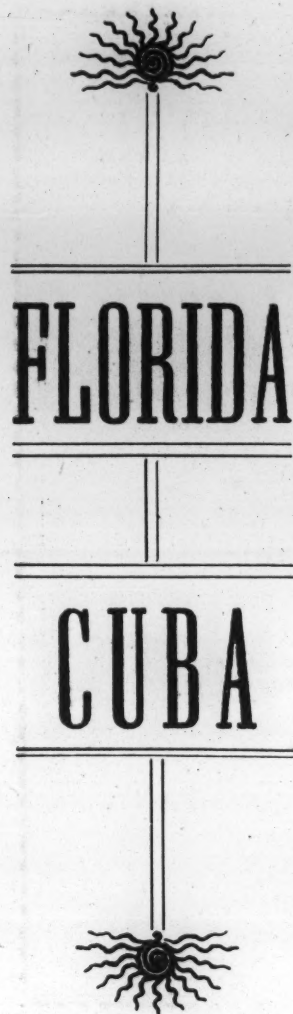
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